

(d) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a portion of the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said portion is the mature protein.--

--31. The isolated protein as claimed in claim 30, wherein the protein has the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO. 2, the mature part thereof or the mature part combined with the propeptide.--

--32. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one protein according to claim 30.--

--33. The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for the treatment of bone, cartilage or connective tissues or teeth.--

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--34. A dental implant which contains the protein according to claim 30.--

--35. An isolated protein of the TGF- β family encoded by a DNA molecule which comprises the part of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes the mature protein and further comprises nucleotide sequences coding for at least one of signal peptide or propeptide.--

--36. An isolated protein of the TGF- β family encoded by a DNA molecule which comprises nucleotides 640-2142 of SEQ ID NO:1.--

--37. The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 32, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for applications in connection with angiogenesis.--

--38. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one protein according to claim 30, wherein the protein is contained on and/or in a natural or synthetically prepared matrix material.--